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EXPLORE YELLOWSTONE!

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To Help You Enjoy Your Trip

While you are in Yellowstone the National Park Service invites you to take advantage of the many free services offered to help you learn about the Park. The interpretive program described in this pamphlet is conducted by Park Rangers. The program has something of interest for everyone—for a family or tour group, whether you are here for a day or a week. Won't you join us?

VISITOR CENTERS

Curious about wildlife, thermal features, plants, or the human history of Yellowstone? Stop wherever you see the sign "Visitor Center" or "Museum". There you will find exhibits, slide programs, publications about the park, and rangers to answer your questions. Visitor Centers are open from 8 a.m. until early evening during the main travel season.

Grant Village —wilderness exhibits; 12-minute slide program; lakeside exhibit

Fishing Bridge —lake ecology, wildlife and geology exhibits

Canyon —geology, plant and animal exhibits; 10-minute slide program

Old Faithful —12-minute movie on geysers

Madison —early exploration of Yellowstone

Norris —thermal geology

Mammoth —Indian, history, and wildlife exhibits; 12-minute slide program

CONDUCTED WALKS & HIKES

Join a ranger and explore Yellowstone on foot. Conducted trips lead into some of the most interesting parts of the park, **mid-June through September 1.** Check at any visitor center for dates when first and last trips will be held. Wear comfortable shoes or boots for the walks.

Hikes—wear boots, all weather clothes, and bring a raincoat (also a lunch and water, if it is all day). Insect repellent recommended for all walks and hikes. Don't forget your camera. Times shown below are for entire trip. **Youngsters under 13 must be accompanied by an adult on all trips.**

Grant Village Area

Twilight Lakeside Walk—This 1-hour walk to explore the water and forest worlds leaves Grant Marina parking area at 7 p.m. daily.

West Thumb Photo Walk—1½ hours. Led by an expert photographer, you will discover new perspectives of nature through your camera. Meet at Thumb Basin parking, W. 2 p.m.

Lake Area

Pelican Lakeside Walk—1½ hours, good chance of seeing wildlife in the forest and stream delta. Leaves Fishing Bridge Museum, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily. Transportation required.

Storm Point Walk—An introduction to life near the shore of Yellowstone Lake. This easy 2½-hour walk

leaves Fishing Bridge Museum daily at 9 a.m., and 2 p.m. Transportation required.

Absaroka Peaks Hike—A rigorous all-day hike into Yellowstone's wonderful world above timberline. Meet at Fishing Bridge Museum, 8 a.m. Tu, Th, Sat, Sun after July 1. Transportation required.

Canyon Area

Canyon Rim Walk—1 hour. Follows the rim of the spectacular Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Walks starting from Uncle Tom's parking area every hour on the hour 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. daily.

Mt. Washburn Hike is a 6-hour adventure through forest and alpine meadows to the snowy 10,000 foot summit. Meet at Canyon Visitor Center 8:30 a.m., M., W., F. after July 1. Transportation required.

Old Faithful Area

Black Sand Basin Walk—Short guided walks through this colorful basin start 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., daily, at the parking area at Black Sand Basin.

Pocket Basin Hike—Interested in mud pots? Try this 3-hour hike off the beaten path. Leaves Fountain Paint Pot parking area 9 a.m., M., W., F. Bring car.

Twilight Geyser Walk—1½ hour. View geysers and hot springs in the soft, low-angle light of evening. Meet at Old Faithful Visitor Center, 7 p.m. daily.

Norris Geyser Basin

Norris Basin Walks, short trips that include erupting geysers start throughout the day from Norris Museum.

Tower Falls Area

Fossil Forest Hike—all day to the petrified forests on Specimen Ridge. Meet 9 a.m., Tu, Th, Sat. at Tower Junction Ranger Station. Transportation required.

Mammoth Hot Springs

Fort Yellowstone Twilight Walk—Stroll for an hour among the barracks and stables of Old Fort Yellowstone. Meet at Mammoth visitor center M, W, F, 7:00 p.m.

SELF-GUIDING TRAILS

Short, easy-grade self-guiding loop trails are located at **Porceain Basin** in Norris Geyser Basin at **Fountain Paint Pots** in the Lower Geyser Basin, **Mud Volcano** on the road between Canyon and Lake, and at the **Mammoth Terraces.** Guide booklets, on hand at the start of trails, tell what to look for as you walk.
Trail guide booklets are also available for the **Canyon** and the **Upper Geyser Basin** areas.

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CAMPFIRE PROGRAMS

Illustrated talks are given every evening at amphitheaters in 7 Park campgrounds. Programs, lasting about an hour, begin at 9:30 p.m. mid-June through July, 9:00 p.m. beginning August 1. Campground amphitheater locations are **Grant Village, Bridge Bay, Fishing Bridge, Canyon, Madison, Tower Falls and Mammoth.**

Sunday ..... **This Wild Land**
the plants and animals of Yellowstone, their dependence upon one another, and man's role.

Monday ..... **Let's See Yellowstone**
is a broad look at many park features and can help you plan your stay here.

Tuesday ..... **Yellowstone's Living Geology**
relates Yellowstone's volcanic past to today's landscape.

Wednesday ..... **National Parks - An American Idea**
talks about this park and others, and what open space and wild land can mean to our lives.

Thursday ..... **This Wild Land**

Friday ..... **Let's See Yellowstone**

Saturday ..... **Yellowstone's Living Geology**

Informal campfire programs presented at the Norris and Indian Creek Campgrounds 8:00 p.m., Mid-June through August.

DEMONSTRATIONS AT MADISON

Experts demonstrate how-to-do-it techniques and equipment for three of Yellowstone's most popular visitor activities. Meet at Madison amphitheater, M. through Th., 7:00 p.m.

Monday—Backpacking and Wilderness Camping. Discover why so many are taking to the backcountry these days.

Tuesday—Fly Fishing. Fenwick Rod Corp. champions show you how and let you try your hand at it along the river. June & July **only.**

Wednesday—How to Take Better Pictures. Eastman Kodak specialist covers basic to advanced nature photography techniques.

Thursday—Backpacking and Wilderness Camping (same as Mon.)

PUBLICATIONS

A wealth of reading matter on Yellowstone, natural and human history, and other National Parks is on sale at all visitor centers. These pamphlets and books are sold by the Yellowstone Library and Museum Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the National Park Service program of information and education in Yellowstone.

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